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Duane Marine, Perth Amboy, NJ - Pre-Action Advisory of Possible Need to Exceed \$1 Million Limit for a CERCLA Removal Action

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Attached is a removal action request which our Regional Administrator will soon be asked to concur with, involving the expenditure of over \$900,000. Because this has the potential for exceeding the \$1 million limit for CERCLA removal actions, I am asking that you advise within two days of receipt of this material whether Headquarters has any objections to this project, especially if it would later prevent the authorization of funds over \$1 million.

We will first order a potentially responsible party(ies) to act. Failing this, Trust Fund monies will be used. A lack of objection now to this action will not be construed to mean authorization to exceed \$1 million. We understand that the merits of the situation will have to be presented if funding exceeding the Regional Administrator's authority is needed at a future date. Your rapid reply would be appreciated.

Attachment

cc: W. Librizzi, ZERR
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